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Probably – I have talked with Lisa C. and we are going to get together and work this thru and get some talking points/positions for us on this with her legal perspective included.

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And do we need to do one on What's Upstream?...

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This is a request for the preparation of 3 briefing papers by January 6. The Administrator is scheduled to appear before the House Agriculture committee on Tues, Jan 26, to discuss EPA programs and regulations impacting agriculture. The national program offices are preparing most papers (listed below), and the regions are adding papers about regional issues that their members might bring up. For R10, we have 2 representatives and think that 3 topics might be raised:

Rep. DelBene—Puget Sound shellfish bed closures

Rep. Newhouse—WA WQS; Yakima groundwater and court cases

Attached is a sample fact sheet in the requested format: talking points, background, and expected Q and A. The connection with the member should be included, and I can help with that.

Kendra is checking for existing papers on WA WQS and shellfish and will send what she finds. The papers are due in the Administrator's briefing book on January 12; the January 6 date allows final review time here and at OCIR.

Thanks in advance for your help!

--Cindy, x. 1815

Topic List

OAR

- RFS

- Ozone

- Biomass
- Methane
- Existing source carbon standards (including reliability)
- New source carbon standards (including EPACT '05)
- Heavy duty vehicles
- Tier 3
- Wood heaters
- Climate science
- CARBIO
- Taconite
- Regional Haze

OW

- CWR/WOTUS
- Bristol Bay (including Phil North and use of 404 (c))
- ELG Rule
- Cargill
- Chesapeake Bay TMDL
- HABs
- Great Lakes/CSO
- Great Lakes/Wild Rice

OCSPP

- Pollinators and Monarchs
- Neonics
- Atrazine
- Glyphosate
- Enlist
- Biotechnology
- Sulfuryl Fluoride
- Methyl Bromide (w/OAR)
- TSCA and pesticides

OSWER

- CCR
- SPCC
- Gold King Mine
- Hudson River Valley

ORD

- "Secret science"
- Connectivity report
- SAB Ag committee
- IRIS
- Hydraulic fracturing (w/OW)
- Tire crumb

OGC

- Sue and settle (GAO report)
- Records management/emails

OARM

International grants

Hiring

OECA

Aerial overflights

Chicken, Alaska

CAFO Information Disclosure and enforcement

Other individual enforcement cases

OP

- Social cost of carbon